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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 RONALD VERNON YOUNT,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. C18-1113 BAT

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
EAJA FEES AND COSTS**

13 The Court GRANTS plaintiff's MOTION for EAJA fees and costs, Dkt. 16, and
14 ORDERS:

15 Plaintiff is awarded EAJA fees of \$4,001 and costs of \$400. Subject to any offset
16 allowed under the Treasury Offset Program, as discussed in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521,
17 560 U.S. __ (2010), payment of this award shall be made via check or electronic payment sent to
18 Attorney Christopher Lyons, address: P.O. Box 1645, Coupeville, WA 98239. After the Court
19 issues the order for EAJA fees, the Commissioner will consider the matter of Plaintiff's
20 assignment of EAJA fees to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, the ability to honor
21 the assignment will depend on whether the EAJA fees are subject to any offset allowed under the
22 Treasury Offset Program. If the EAJA fees are not subject to any offset, the EAJA attorney's fees
23 will be paid directly to the order of plaintiff's attorney, Christopher Lyons.

1 DATED this 18th day of April, 2019.

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5 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
6 Chief United States Magistrate Judge
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